



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Council Session

Item G21

#2008-235 - Approving One (1) 500W Analog UHF Television Transmitter with Installation

Staff Contact: Wendy Meyer-Jerke

Council Agenda Memo

From: Jeremy Watson, Audio\Video Technician

Council Meeting: August 26, 2008

Subject: Award Bid for GITV 500 Watt Analog UHF Transmitter with Installation

Item #'s: G-21

Presenter(s)- Wendy Meyer-Jerke, Public Information Officer
Jeremy Watson, Audio\Video Technician

Background

Grand Island Television has been operational since 1994. For the last 14 years, UHF Channel 56 has been broadcast over-the-air to viewers who do not have cable television using an analog signal. During this time, the transmitter has undergone several repairs with a continuing degradation of signal strength and broadcast quality. Signal strength for Channel 56 is currently operating at less than 20 percent.

Discussion

The implementation of a new transmitter will serve to replace the existing unit, restore the signal strength, and allow GITV the capability with future hardware upgrades to become digitally compliant by the end of February 2009 as mandated by the FCC. This contract will provide a highly qualified team of transmitter technicians to serve as GITV's technical representatives in installation, training, and maintenance.

The bid price also includes, travel, installation, and freight. A two year warranty on parts and labor is included. A bid was issued and a response was received from the following bidder:

Bidder
LARCAN USA

Bid Price
\$ 36,550.00

Department staff reviewed the bid for compliance with the City's specifications. The bid from LARCAN USA is compliant with those specifications.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the purchase of the 500 watt transmitter. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.
4. Take no action.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the bid from LARCAN USA be accepted and expenditure of funds authorized by resolution.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the bid from LARCAN USA and authorize expenditure of funds by resolution.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: August 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: One (1) 500W Analog UHF Television Transmitter w/Installation

DEPARTMENT: GITV

ESTIMATE: \$36,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 10044601-85615

PUBLICATION DATE: August 3, 2008

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 3

SUMMARY

Bidder: LARCAN USA, Inc.
Lafayette, CO

Bid Security: \$1,828.00

Exceptions: None

Bid Price: \$36,550.00

cc: Wendy Meyer-Jerke, PIO
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
Jeff Pederson, City Administrator

Jeremy Watson, Audio/Visual Tech.
Wes Nespor, Assist. City Attorney

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RESOLUTION 2008-235

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a 500 Watt Analog UHF Transmitter with Installation for Grand Island Television, according to plans and specifications on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the transmitter provides the signal for UHF Channel 56;

WHEREAS, the implementation of a new transmitter will serve to replace the existing unit, restore the signal strength, and allow GITV the capability with future hardware upgrades to become digitally compliant by the end of February 2009 as mandated by the FCC.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2008, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, LARCAN USA, of Lafayette, Colorado, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$36,550; and

WHEREAS, the bid of \$36,550 exceeds the estimate of \$36,000 by \$550.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of LARCAN USA in the amount of \$36,550 for a 500 Watt Transmitter with installation is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 26, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 22, 2008	☐ City Attorney